



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

## **Administrative Policies and Procedures: 20.31**

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### **Subject: Detoxification of Chemically Dependent Youth**

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**Local Policy: No**

**Local Procedures: No**

**Training Required: No**

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### **Application**

To Superintendents, Health Administrators, and Health Care Staff.

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### **Policy**

DCS shall provide for diagnosis, treatment, and safe detoxification of the chemically dependent youth.

### **Procedures**

- A. Purpose** Health care staff must not conduct substance abuse laboratory screenings unless indicated for medical diagnosis and medical treatment.
- B. Location of detoxification** If detoxification is indicated for alcohol or drug abuse, nursing staff must make arrangements for placement of youth in the facility's local licensed hospital. Detoxification must never be conducted in the youth development center clinics.
- C. Diagnosis** The diagnosis of chemical dependency must be made only by a licensed physician, who must be responsible for determining whether the youth requires pharmacologically supported care.

**Forms**

None

**Collateral Documents**

None

**Standards**

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